

**Governmental Affairs Committee  
Regular Meeting  
January 6, 2003-8:00 a.m.  
Tribal Office Board Room**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Chair Sylvia Wilber called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. Those present: Ben Kaquatosh and Ann Marie Johnson. Kathy Kaquatosh and Annette Warrington were absent. Also present for the meeting were John Wilhelmi and Dan Maine.

**2. Moment of Silence** - A moment of silence was observed.

**3. Review Minutes Dated December 2nd and December 16th 2002-**

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to approve the minutes of December 2, 2002. Motion was seconded by Ann Marie Johnson. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 2-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to approve the minutes of December 16, 2002. Motion was seconded by Ann Marie Johnson. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 2-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

Committee talked about Ordinance 79-14 Tribal Judiciary and Chairperson Wilber stated that the Legislature rejected the changes the committee suggested. Ann Marie stated that her concerns are that the tribe is spending a lot of money on the courts with the record keeping software and not many employees have the computer skills needed to maintain the computer program, which she is afraid will cause the programs not to be used.

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding Tribal Courts record keeping and discussed the Menominee Constitution Article V, Section 7.

**Motion made by Ann Marie Johnson to recommend that the Menominee Tribal Legislature implement or take action to create the records that the Menominee Constitution requires as stated in Article V, Section 7. (See Attached) Motion was seconded by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 2-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Ann Marie Johnson to recommend that the Menominee Tribal Legislature direct Annette Warrington in MIS to come up with a cost and timeline on training the Tribal Court employees implement an action plan to accomplish it. Motion was seconded by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 2-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**4. Review Ordinance 85-01 Election of Tribal Police Chief-**

Ben Kaquatosh stated that he discussed the changes to the ordinance with current Chief of Police Keith Tourtillott and for the most part, Keith agreed with the changes.

Committee briefly discussed Ordinance 85-01 and decided they were finished with the changes and ready to send it to the Legislature for approval.

John Wilhelmi will create a final draft of the ordinance and recorder of the committee Gigi Delabrué will do a poll vote on the approval of the ordinance and send to Menominee Tribal Legislature for approval.

**5. Collections Policy Update-**

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the collections policy and a big problem is the statute of limitations for collecting money. John Wilhelmi stated that the statute is in Ordinance 79-14 Tribal Judiciary and can be changed. Committee members agreed that the statute should be changed.

**Motion made by Ann Marie Johnson to recommend that the Menominee Tribal**

**Legislature change the statute of limitations in Ordinance 79-14 to six years for collection reasons. Motion was seconded by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 2-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**6. Other Business-**

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the tribe hiring contractors and how Ordinance 82-10 may not be enough or include contractors.

Committee would like John Wilhelmi to look at the bidding process and the committee will discuss the issue at the next meeting. Committee would also like Bernard Vigue present for the meeting.

**7. Adjournment-**

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Ann Marie Johnson. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 2-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services